

**Senate File 2184 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a peer support respite house pilot program,  
2 and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.  PEER SUPPORT RESPITE HOUSE PILOT PROGRAM.

2     1.  The department of human services shall establish,  
3 promote, and administer a two-year peer support respite house  
4 pilot program for the purposes of assisting persons with mental  
5 health and substance abuse disorders.  Financial assistance  
6 under the program shall be provided from moneys appropriated to  
7 the peer support respite house pilot program.

8     2.  The department of human services shall award a grant  
9 to an entity headquartered in a county with a population  
10 between 48,000 and 51,000 as determined by the 2010 federal  
11 decennial census that provides multiple services to persons  
12 with substance abuse or mental health disorders, including  
13 but not limited to peer mentoring, short-term shelter, and  
14 referrals for mental health and substance abuse services.  The  
15 entity receiving the grant from the department shall have the  
16 demonstrated knowledge of evidence-based expertise in the  
17 field, proper training, a sound strategic plan, and documented  
18 control of a physical facility for the operation of a peer  
19 support respite house.

20     3.  a.  The entity shall conduct a comprehensive review of  
21 its peer support respite house pilot program and shall, by  
22 December 15, 2020, submit a report of its review including any  
23 recommendations and cost projections to the governor and the  
24 general assembly.

25     b.  The entity shall include in the report information  
26 relating to the establishment of peer support respite houses  
27 throughout the state.

28     Sec. 2.  APPROPRIATION — PEER SUPPORT RESPITE HOUSE PILOT  
29 PROGRAM.  There is appropriated from the general fund of the  
30 state to the department of human services for the following  
31 fiscal years, the following amounts, or so much thereof as is  
32 necessary, to be used for the purposes designated:

33     For the peer support respite house pilot program created in  
34 this Act:

35     FY 2018-2019

1 ..... \$ 150,000

2 FY 2019-2020

3 ..... \$ 150,000

4 Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this  
5 section of this Act that remain encumbered or unobligated at  
6 the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain  
7 available for expenditure for the purposes designated until the  
8 close of the succeeding fiscal year.

9 EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill establishes a two-year peer support respite house  
13 pilot program for persons with mental health and substance  
14 abuse disorders and makes an appropriation.

15 The bill directs the department of human services to  
16 establish and administer a two-year peer support respite house  
17 pilot program to provide services to persons with mental health  
18 and substance abuse disorder needs. The department is required  
19 to award a grant to an entity located in a county with a  
20 population between 48,000 and 51,000 as determined by the 2010  
21 federal decennial census that provides multiple services to  
22 persons with substance abuse or mental health disorders. The  
23 entity receiving the grant shall have demonstrated knowledge of  
24 evidence-based expertise, proper training, a solid strategic  
25 plan, and documented control of a physical facility to be used  
26 for the operation of a peer support respite house.

27 The bill requires the entity to conduct a comprehensive  
28 review and submit a report with recommendations and cost  
29 projections by December 15, 2020, to the governor and the  
30 general assembly. The report shall include the feasibility of  
31 establishing peer support respite houses throughout the state.

32 The bill appropriates \$150,000 from the general fund of the  
33 state to the department of human services for FY 2018-2019 and  
34 FY 2019-2020 for purposes of the bill.